

Memorial Day 2006

LOCAL VETERAN TO RECEIVE HONOR FROM FRANCE

On April 13, 1944, S/Sgt Frank LaLone and his crew while on a mission to bomb the port, oil and gun positions in LeHavre France in preparation for the Normandy invasion were shot down. All of the crew was able to bail out of the stricken B-26 Martin Marauder, but Frank was caught by the Germans and ended up spending a year in a POW camp, Stalag 17B.

Several years ago, Claude Letellier and Georges Dennebouy of France found parts of Frank's WWII B-26 Bomber. On May 22, just in time for Memorial Day, these gentlemen are coming to the US to give back this WWII veteran and "Marauder Man" the parts of the B-26 bomber he was flying that day in April when he was shot down. This is their way of saying "Thank You" for helping to liberate France.

Frank LaLone is currently living in Antwerp and is being considered for the French "Legion of Honor". Frank is only the second member of his crew that we have been able to find.

An interview between Historian Roy Bozych and Frank LaLone gave the following information.

LaLone entered the US Army Air Force in April, 1942 at Fort Wayne, Indiana, and his US Army Serial number: 35330498. He was assigned to the 322nd Bomb Group,

450th Bomb Squadron. He completed 39 missions.

He and his crew was shot down by German flak on April 13, 1944 while on a mission to La Havre, France. LaLone was captured by the Germans on that same day and sent to Stalag 17B Braunau Gneikendorf POW Camp near Krems Austria 48-15.

MACR 3742 (Missing Air Crew Report Number 3742)

He was returned to the US after the end of WWII in Europe.

Pilot 1st Lt. Allen McDonald was considered one of the best pilots on the base.

Co-Pilot 1st Lt. Merlin Johnson was relatively new to the crew.

S/Sgt Waldo Shows was considered one of the best radio/navigators on the base.

Due to shortage of B-26 pilots, orders had come down from Headquarters to let co-pilots fly as pilot in command to gain more experience so they could be given their own planes and crews.

Mission Notes:

Co-pilot Johnson was in the left seat and pilot McDonald was in the right seat as co-pilot. McDonald was letting Johnson get experience as pilot in command per the orders from headquarters.

S/SGT. Frank LaLone-Flight Engineer was in the top gun turret.

Group was flying in and out

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PFC Christopher A. Jackson in Iraq with some Iraqi children who live near his platoon. He is the son of Ron and Carol Jackson and grandson of Monty and Dell Cornell.

HELLO FROM IRAQ

This is the type of pictures from Iraq that grandparents such as Monty and Dell Cornell from Antwerp like to see. This is Marine, PFC Chris Jackson, son of Ron and Carol Jackson, Cecil. Chris graduated from Paulding Exempted in 2000 and joined the Marines in 2005. He is based at Camp Pendleton, California and was deployed to Iraq, Janu-

ary 20 of this year and is scheduled to return on August 22.

Chris along with many from Paulding County are currently serving, have served or soon will be serving their country in Iraq. Monty and Dell would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their continued support of our military and share with us a small piece of some of the good that they have been fortunate enough to receive.

CPR CLASSES OFFERED AT PAULDING COUNTY HOSPITAL

Paulding County Hospital cardio-pulmonary services staff will teach American Heart Association CPR classes on Wednesday, June 7, from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. The classes are held at the hospital.

Instructors will teach participants CPR and choking

maneuvers for the conscious and unconscious victim. Participants may choose adult CPR from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. and/or child and infant CPR form 7:00 to 8:30 p.m.

Participants should dress casually and class size is limited.

For more information or to register contact Paulding County Hospital at 419-399-1133 and ask for respiratory therapy. Registration deadline is June 2.

DELIVERY DAY CHANGE

Due to the Memorial Day holiday, next week's issue of the West Bend News will be delivered on Thursday, June 1st instead of Wednesday, May 31st. This deadline will be Saturday, May 27st at 12 noon.

CORRECTION

In the May 17th issue of the West Bend News on page 14 in the Fort to Port article a mistake was made in the caption. Kurt Schlusser is project manager not Louise Miller. We apologize for any confusion this may have caused.



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OBITUARIES



Mary L. Slaughter, 66, of Antwerp, Ohio, passed away May 18 at Paulding County Hospital, Paulding, Ohio.

Born in Hartford City, Indiana on June 16, 1939, she was the daughter of the late Clyde E. and Mae (Sparks) Driver. On March 4, 1977, Mary married James Slaughter, who survives.

Mary worked as a surgical technician at Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne for 30 years. She was a member of Antwerp Church of Christ, Bible Study International and the Royal Neighbors of America. Mary enjoyed quilting and poetry.

She will be sadly missed by her daughters, Stacy Roof & Tracy Burlage both of Fort Wayne; sister, Martha Driver of Fort Wayne; brother, Don Driver of Day-

ton; 15 grandchildren and 1 great grandchild.

Her brother, Stanley Driver has passed away.

Funeral services were at Dooley Funeral Home, Antwerp on May 22, and Sam Steiner officiated.

She was laid to rest at Highland Park Cemetery, Fort Wayne.

Contributions may be made to the charity of your choice.

Condolences and fond memories may be shared at www.dooleyfuneralhome.com.

Charles E. Langmeyer, 69, of Payne, died May 17 at Parkview Hospital, Ft. Wayne, IN.

He was born June 25, 1936, in Cloverdale, OH, the son of Ed and Mollie (Horstman) Langmeyer. On August 6, 1960, he married Joyce A. Hohenbrink, who survives. He was employed by B.F. Goodrich/Uniroyal, Woodburn, IN, retiring in 1997. He was a member of St. John the Baptist Catholic Church, Payne, the Knights of Columbus #3617 of Payne, American Legion Post 297 of Payne, and the National Guard.

He is survived by his wife, Joyce Langmeyer of Payne; two sons: Kevin (Ann) Langmeyer of Bloomsburg, PA and Gregg Langmeyer of Payne; a daughter, Cindy (Michael) Thompson of

Payne; two sisters: Marlita (Jerome) Koester of Burnsville, MN and Alice Tobens of St. Mary's, OH; eight grandchildren; and two great grandchildren.

He is preceded in death by his parents.

Mass of Christian burial was held May 22, at the St. John The Baptist Catholic Church, Payne, and Rev. G. Allan Fillman officiated. Burial was in the church cemetery.

Donations may be made to St. John the Baptist Catholic School or to Masses.

Rita R. Linder, 84, died May 21 in Tiffin, OH.

She was born in Payne, OH, on October 24, 1921, the daughter of John W. and Anna B. (Schall) Linder. She was a member of St. John the Baptist Catholic Church, Payne, and a self-employed hairdresser.

She is survived by two brothers: James (Pat) Linder of Payne and Maurice (Violet) Linder of Ft. Wayne; six sisters: Rosemary (Harold) Perrine and Theresa Baumle both of Payne, Josephine (Robert) Huguenard of Lynn Haven, FL, Genevieve Wilson, Sister Helen Linder and Sister Jean Linder all of Tiffin; and many nieces and nephews.

She is preceded in death by her parents and two sisters, Catherine Gonya and Marie Linder.

Funeral services will be 10:00 a.m. Thursday, May 25, at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church, Payne with Reverend G. Allan Fillman officiating. Burial will be in the church cemetery.

Visitation will be 2:00 - 8:00 p.m. with a rosary service at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, May 24, at Den Herder Funeral Home, Paulding.

Donations may be made to Masses.

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of clouds after bombing the target in LaHavre. LaLone radioed to the cockpit that they were close to their wingman and about to hit him. Johnson banked hard to the left and put the plane over on its side in a violent evasive maneuver. When the call came to the cockpit, McDonald was in the process of sliding his back to let the bombardier, Galloway out of the nose. The violet maneuver caused McDonald's seat to slide all the way to the back bulkhead coming off of the track. Because of this he was unable to help Johnson, an inexperienced pilot, to get the plane back under control quickly.

In the process of trying to get the B-26 under control they had gotten turned around, lost several thousand feet and were now down to seven thousand feet and in the clouds. The maneuver had disoriented them and they were uncertain as to what their current position was.

They were in fact pointed in the wrong direction and now flying back to the Cherbourg peninsula in France. The radio man Waldo Shows kept trying to tell this to Johnson he was headed in the wrong direction, but he refused to believe him thinking the Germans were jamming their radio and bending the navigational beam. Per Frank, Johnson could be a "bit hard-headed at times".

They descended until they broke out of the clouds and began circling to try and determine their position. Unfortunately they broke out of the clouds right over a V-1 position and the Germans began firing at them eventually shooting the B-26 down.

The aircraft was so shot up that the crew had lost all control of the B-26 when the bail out signal was given. Just as he was getting ready to bail out "the plane went straight up in the air about 2,000 feet" making it impossible to get out. Then all of a sudden the B-26 leveled off allowing them to bail out.

Once everyone was out of the plane Frank saw it nosed over and crash straight into the ground causing a fireball about 200 feet across and 100 feet high. Frank was captured shortly after parachuting to the ground.

He saw McDonald and Johnson being led away by the Germans. They already had been changed into civilian clothes by the French. He believes it was either McDonald or Johnson who flashed the V for victory sign.

41-31968 Aircraft Notes:
41-31968 had sat on the ground for quite a while because it would always lose an engine. The plane was given to Lt McDonald because he was considered one of the hottest pilots in the Squadron to see if he could sort out the problem. The first time he took it up it did in fact have that engine die. Luckily they were still near the airfield and he was able to make an emergency landing.

The engine problem continued for some time. McDonald had taken the crew chief up with him several times on test flights but they could never isolate the problem. One day while LaLone was on the flight and observed

the engine quite thoroughly. Remembering the earlier problems the B-26 had with its fuel diaphragm, he suggested that it be checked. Sure enough there was a small hole in it. Once replaced, no further problems were had with that engine and it flew perfectly right up to its demise.

POW Notes:
LaLone completed 39 missions before he was shot down. Since he didn't return from the last mission he wasn't given credit for it.

Was in Stalag 17B, Braunau, Gneikendorf, near Krems, Austria until liberated

by Patton's 3rd Army. As the 3rd Army neared, the camp guards just disappeared. Most guards were made up of very old men or young kids. Due to lack of proper food and supplies everyone was in bad shape including the guards. Some of the older guards stayed with the men so as to be captured by the Americans rather than the Russians.

One old guard who stayed with them was originally a coffee buyer for a German company before the war and lived in New York. He was recalled to Germany when the war started.

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We were not surprised with the meeting we had on May 17th with the Paulding County Commissioners. We had been forewarned that they did not have any authority to help us. What we did find out is that our neighborhood can have a hog factory building without any local, county, or State regulations or requirements. In many communities, residents, environmentalists and even family farmers are working together to protect everyone from these corporations, disguised as farms. These are not farms, they are industrial facilities and should be regulated as such. We must ban together to propose restrictions to keep these corporations from moving to states with weak laws, such as ours. We must work together to keep our water safe for drinking, swimming and fishing. We were assured by the commissioners that those counties in Ohio with a highly concentrated number of animal feeding operations have increased in land value—not home values—but acreage values. So if you raise hogs, cattle, or poultry, now is the time to buy as much area in Paulding County as

possible, before we have that highly concentrated number of farm factories that will drive up the value of land. It would appear that animal factories can come into our township and make money on their investment, while the surrounding neighbors LOSE approximately 30% of their home investments. We're also told, "don't worry, it won't be too bad". What's not too bad? Odors laden with toxic gases? Decreased water tables? Reduced property values? Constantly sampling well water for nitrate levels? Fighting the increasing fly infestation? Maneuvering township roads that are being damaged by the additional heavy trucks? What's not TOO bad? For every study that claims there are no health problems from manure contamination, there is a study that claims there are big problems. Do you want to gamble which one is right? That's an individual choice. One point that needs to be made, it doesn't seem right and neighborly for someone to sneak into our neighborhood, and within three weeks, erect a hog facility, and decide for us that we must live with THEIR choice.

—Mary Lou Kallsen

50TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY OF MR. AND MRS. REX CARR



Mr. and Mrs. Rex (Tom) Carr of rural Hicksville will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary on June 2, 2006. The former Joyce Nickels and Rex Carr were united in marriage on June 2, 1956 in Antwerp, Ohio by the Reverend James Turner. The couple observed this special occasion with a cruise to the Panama Canal in February.

LUMINARIA: A SPECIAL TRIBUTE

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The Luminaria Ceremony will be held at the Relay For Life on June 2, 2006 at the Paulding County Fairgrounds. Please note new location.

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Auglaize Village will be open 9:00 a.m. till dark Saturday the 10th and 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Sunday the 11th for this show.

Saturday there will be an antique tractor pull at 11:00 a.m.

Sunday there will be a division 1 & 2 points pull at 12 Noon.

Also on Sunday morning, there will be a 10:00 public church service at the historic 1875 Chapel of the Crosses.

Both days, there will be a flea market, with Thursday set-ups available for vendors. Registration by June 1 is required.

Saturday and Sunday, there will be an operating steam-powered sawmill, threshing displays, and steamed corn.

The Auglaize Village Railroad will be in full operation both days, featuring its BRAND NEW passenger car at its first major event. Also open will be one of the largest model railroad displays in Northwest Ohio.

Weather permitting, there will be horse-drawn wagon rides both days. The concession stand will be open, and food and refreshments will be available.

Auglaize Village is located on Krouse Road, three miles west of Defiance on US24 and one mile south on Krouse Road. Auglaize Village consists of over twenty buildings, both vintage and modern, with displays of local history, agricultural history, and industrial, commercial, and railroad history.

MEMORIAL DAY BREAKFAST AND SERVICES PRESENTED BY VFW IN GROVER HILL

Memorial Day will be celebrated in Grover Hill with a Pancake and Sausage breakfast held at the VFW hall on South Main Street on Monday, May 29. Serving will commence at 7:00 a.m. and run through 10:00 a.m. The breakfast is an annual event sponsored by the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 2873 and its Ladies Auxiliary. A free will offering will be accepted and the event is open to everyone.

Members of the VFW Post and Auxiliary will also be conducting memorial services to honor all deceased veterans at 11:00 a.m. that morning at the veterans monument located at Middlecreek Cemetery just southeast of Grover Hill. The Wayne Trace band will be providing the music and Boy Scout Troop #64 will also be assisting in the memorial service.


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By: Pastor Jeff Shadowen,
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This is our eighth week together on this topic. Our simple definition for living like Christ or Christian discipleship is the following, "a trained attentiveness to God in prayer, in Scripture reading, and in spiritual direction."

To be attentive or "in tune with God" is a wonderful thing - a personal relationship with God that is real and alive. It is the second word in our definition - "trained" - that is the tough one because it implies work, effort, discipline, and training. And our attentiveness to God does not just happen by itself. Without the training, the effort, and the work we will never have the relationship that we desire.

Just last night in our prayer meeting time, I recognized a key idea in this whole idea of attentiveness to God. It involves silence and solitude, two disciplines that we have mentioned, almost in passing, in past weeks.

Why are silence and solitude so important in the Christian life? Because they encourage us to "wait on God". To wait on God is simply to wait for Him to respond,

to answer us.

Last night, we were talking about confession and forgiveness - pointing out that after we confess our sins, we should wait before God until he gives us a sense of His forgiveness - a peace, a calm, a release that floods our lives as we hear Him speak forgiveness to us.

Many people have recognized that prayer is meant to be "conversation with God" rather than simply "talking at God". Others have recognized that "Scripture reads us" as we read Scripture - that is, it speaks to us in very personal, specific ways.

What I "discovered" last night - what God spoke to me - is that dialogue - hearing as well as speaking - is always to be desired above monologue in the Christian walk with God. To move from monologue - speaking at God - to dialogue - conversing with God - is to make a significant step forward in your relationship with God. Dialogue reaffirms that you do indeed have a relationship. To dialogue, you must wait for God. And to wait, you need silence and solitude. We speak, we wait, and the God of the universe responds to us personally. A personal relationship! Real! Exciting!

KOENN - GRIFFITH



Bill and Rainell Koenn of Cecil announce the engagement and forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Jodi Lynn to Jacob Ryan Griffith, son of Terry and Darlene Griffith, Continental.

The bride-elect, a 2000 alumna of Paulding High School and a 2004 graduate

of Defiance College, is employed as a history teacher by Defiance Junior High School. Her fiancé, a 1999 alumnus of Continental High School, is employed by Lingvai Excavating. The couple will exchange wedding vows Saturday, June 17, in St. Joseph Catholic Church, Paulding.

CITIZENS OF CARRYALL TOWNSHIP MEET WITH PAULDING COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Approximately 35-40 concerned citizens attended the May 17th commissioners meeting. It was held in the OSU building at the Paulding County fairgrounds. TV stations channel 15, 21, and 33 were there to report on the meeting. Many questions were asked of the commissioners. The questions included: the possible pollution of well waters, the level of water tables, air pollution, allowable manure applications, permitting of animal factory operations, devaluation of property values, possible fly infestation, handling of dead hogs, deterioration of township roads, how the ODA was given the authority for permitting instead of the EPA, the short notice of the Schlatter's building the barn, possible tax relief if the re-appraisals on private homes are lowered, pollution of ponds from air contaminants, contaminated run off surface waters, and if contamination in waters or soil are found, who is responsible for the clean up.

The commissioners advised the citizens, they are a non-regulatory branch of the State Government. They do not establish regulations or restrictions, that is done by the Ohio State Legislature. They do work with and are working with the Schlatters in suggested best management plans for the operation of their facilities and the manure applications. The commissioners stated their goal is to be educational and all suggestions are followed voluntarily. There is no regulations or permitting required for this size facility. Schlatter's hog facility is private business, and there is no authority to stop it. They advised the citizens to be vigilant and keep communications open with the Schlatters. They stated zoning

for agriculture is not available, but if the citizens find a new issue that has not already been addressed, and it is a local issue, such as water table levels dropping, they can petition to meet with the State legislators to suggest a possible amendment to current laws. They further stated they would be glad to help, should the citizens find a legitimate issue they would like to discuss with the State representatives.

LOCAL RESIDENT RECEIVES AWARD FROM TAYLOR UNIVERSITY FORT WAYNE

Traci Koenig, current student at Taylor University Fort Wayne, has been nominated to be included in the 2006 edition of "Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges" during a special Recognition Convocation Chapel, which was held May 10.

Traci, daughter of Glenn and Veronica Bakle, Paulding, is a senior majoring in pastoral ministries at Taylor University Fort Wayne.

Traci was selected to the "Who's Who" as a result of her academic achievement, service to the community, leadership in extracurricular activities and potential for continued success. Traci joins an elite group of students selected from more than 1,400 institutions of higher learning in all 50 states, the District of Columbia and several foreign nations.

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Within the context of Taylor University's Christ-centered mission and core values, the Fort Wayne campus is a covenant community, preparing individuals, through applied learning and spiritual formation, for their professional, service and ministry callings.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Since moving to this area in 1966, Paulding County Hospital has served me and my family 24/7. We have received preventative health care, treatment for illness and accidents, assistance at times of birth and death, candy stripe training for three teens and a source of employment for one.

The tree of Celebration in the hospital foyer sponsored by Paulding County Hospital Foundation is a very beautiful symbol of appreciation. I was very proud of my family when they recently chose to surprise me with the purchase of a gold leaf on this project.

During May and June, as we all pay special tribute to family members or their memories, perhaps other readers may consider this personal gift which in turn helps fund a meaningful community service in the healthcare field.

—Mary Davis

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Our group of neighbors who will be adjacent to the hog facility on County Road 7, thank all of the concerned citizens who have supported us in any way, whether it was signing petitions, making phone calls, helping with our research, and in general just being sympathetic to our cause. We want to share with you the results of the Commissioners meeting on May 17th. Our commissioners were polite and informative, and they did listen to our questions and gave us the best answers they had. They do not set regulations or restrictions required for this size hog factory. All plans by the commissioner are suggested, advised or encouraged. All submissions will be voluntarily followed by the owners. Rest assured, we are continuing to seek council to protect our quality of life and health. We will be vigilant and watch carefully as this factory progresses. One way we all can help is to write our congressmen, or call them to let them know how unhappy we are that they have not upheld their duty to properly protect us from this type of fiasco. Their phone numbers are Lynn Wachtmann - (614)466-8150 and Jim Hoops - (614)466-3760.

—The Kallsens & Neighbors

OUR VETERANS

By: Rose Kever

While sitting in the emergency area of the Veteran's Hospital waiting for a nurse or doctor to see Gary, we got into quite an interesting conversation with other veterans. What a fine group of people - men and women, who put their lives on the line to protect us. Many had war related injuries and illnesses, some were there for treatment of later illnesses.

There was this one old guy sitting across from us. He was a slight man, with clod-hopper boots on hat-shuffled floor when he shuffled by. He has a very white beard and it looks like he has his whole life packed into his shirt pockets. He is a very bright person and very serious about his thoughts that he put into our conversation.

Sitting close to Gary is a woman in a wheel chair. What a pleasant person she is. She was an air traffic controller in Vietnam. Her son takes care of her plus he's in College, so I'd say they both have their plates full.

Speaking of full plates - it was lunch time and Gary's sugar was plummeting, so we went to grab something out of the machines. When we came back, the lady in the wheelchair said she'd like a cup of coffee. She sent her son to get a cup for me and herself. There was another woman beside of me who had a dry cough, so we said to get her coffee, too, but she had a bottle of water. Her husband had served in Korea, and in his older years, he developed Parkinson's Disease. So sad to see! He did have quite a sense of humor though.

Most of these veterans are very pleasant and also very humble about their years in the service. They'll talk about it only if asked a direct question. The men and women who served and are serving us now are plentiful. If you want to see what war does, visit a Veterans' Hospital. No matter which war they were in, or even serving during peace time, "Thank God" for them. They are the "real" heroes, and, as far as I can tell, the very backbone of our country. God Bless them all!

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Throughout our nation's history, millions of brave service men and women have selflessly laid their lives on the line to defend our nation's freedom, preserve the strength of its ideals and protect the hopes and dreams of future generations of Americans. In fact, for more than two centuries, from the first battles of the American Revolution through two World Wars, Vietnam, the Persian Gulf and the current conflict in Iraq, more than a million American soldiers have died defending our way of life. In remembrance of our fallen military heroes and the sacrifices they have made on our behalfs, every May, people from all across the country gather at local parades, family barbecues, and veteran's memorials to celebrate Memorial Day.

Originally known as Decoration Day because it was a time set aside to honor the nation's Civil War dead by decorating their graves, Memorial Day was made official in 1868 by General John A. Logan of the Grand Army of the Republic, an organization of former sailors and soldiers. This tradition continued through World War I when people began honoring those who died in all of America's wars. Finally, in 1971, Congress declared Memorial Day a national holiday to be celebrated the last Monday in May.

Today, as thousands of U.S. military personnel work tirelessly to defend our freedoms, we continue to recognize the valuable contributions of all those who died during military service. Within the last few years, Congress established the White House Commission on the National Moment of Remembrance, an independent government agency

designed to re-educate and remind Americans of the true meaning of Memorial Day. The Commission is also charged with uniting the country in the National Moment of Remembrance at 3:00 p.m. on Memorial Day.

Over the last two years, the 126th Ohio General Assembly has worked hard to support Ohio's troops and veterans through legislative action. Most recently, in response to a disturbing series of protests at the funerals of U.S. soldiers, the legislature is working to pass a bill that would prohibit protest activities within 300 foot radius of any funeral, moving funeral procession or burial service. This legislation will work to protect the privacy of the soldier's grieving family and preserve the honor and respect that these fallen heroes deserve. I believe in our troops and this legislation and, as a co-sponsor, will do whatever I can to ensure its swift passage.

While Memorial Day is an important tribute to our nation's service men and women, the sacrifices they have made to defend our freedoms and protect our way of life should be remembered year around. On May 29th, I encourage every Ohioan to take just a little time away from their busy schedules to reflect on the true meaning of the day and, if you see a veteran, thank them for their service. Then, hopefully this year we can all carry on the tradition of honoring our real life heroes with a renewed understanding and appreciation of their service to our country and how great a debt we truly owe them.

For more information on events commemorating Memorial Day in your area, contact your local veterans' affairs organization. You can also visit the U.S. Department of Defense website at www.defenselink.mil, or the Governor's Office of Veterans' Affairs website at www.state.oh.us/gova.

AREA STUDENTS PARTICIPATE IN COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY AT INDIANA TECH



Mandy (Rister) Shelton, Brenda (Zornes) Ross, and Christy (Guitierrez) Billman were among a group of 550 students to participate in commencement ceremonies for Indiana Tech on May 13, 2006 at the Allen County War Memorial Coliseum. All three received Associ-

ates Degrees in Business Management and are pursuing Bachelor Degrees in various fields. They would like to thank all of their family and friends for all of their love and support, without them this would not have been possible!

Salad Packs A Health Punch

(NAPSA)—Eating plenty of fruits and vegetables can help you ward off heart disease, stroke and certain types of cancer. Include dark green, leafy vegetables, yellow, orange and red fruits and veggies, cooked tomatoes and citrus fruits. If you consume 2,000 calories a day, aim for at least nine servings or 4½ cups of fruits and vegetables.

Try mangos and sweet potatoes. Mangos are high in fiber, have no cholesterol or saturated fat and are high in potassium and beta-carotene. They help replenish energy. Sweet potatoes are the most nutritious and heart-healthy vegetable, according to the National Center for Science in the Public Interest. They're fat-free, cholesterol-free, low in sodium and high in fiber. Besides the great taste, the sweet potato is a wonderful source of vitamins A, C and E. Cumin is a good source of iron and cumin seeds promote a healthy digestive system.

Spring Salad with Chutney Dressing and Sweet Potato-Cumin Crisps

- 1 (9-ounce) bottle mango chutney (about 1 cup)
- ½ cup reduced-fat sour cream or mayonnaise
- ½ cup plain lowfat yogurt
- ¼ cup finely chopped fresh cilantro or mint
- 8 to 10 cups mixed spring greens
- 1 apple, thinly sliced
- 1 cucumber, sliced
- Golden raisins and toasted cashews

Sweet Potato-Cumin Crisps

- 1 cup Bruce's Sweet Potato Pancake Mix
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- ¼ teaspoon Bruce's Ma Cayenne Red Pepper



Fabled Fenway Park in Boston, home of baseball's Red Sox since 1912, also served as home field for the NFL's Boston Redskins (1933-36) and AFL's Boston Patriots (1963-68).

Artichokes: A Fun, Quick & Healthy Veggie

(NAPSA)—If you're looking for something to liven up your meal, artichokes offer a terrific, tasty solution. This culinary favorite is fun to eat, can be quick to prepare and completes a "green serving" of the 5 a Day the Color Way regimen.

Besides being delicious, artichokes are naturally low in sodium and have no fat or cholesterol.



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They're a rich source of vitamin C, folate and dietary fiber.

There are several ways to enjoy artichokes; they can be steamed, boiled, grilled, sautéed or roasted. But for anyone who is short on time, artichokes have a speedy cooking time in the microwave, making them a wonderful quick-meal solution.

To Microwave: Place one rinsed and trimmed artichoke upside down in a glass bowl with ½ cup of water, ½ teaspoon each of lemon juice and oil. Cover with plastic wrap and cook on high 7 to 10 minutes. Time can vary depending on size of artichoke.

When shopping for artichokes, select ones that squeak with a squeeze of the leaves for freshness and pick artichokes with thorned petals, as those varieties have a bigger, meatier heart. Just trim the thorns with scissors when ready to prepare. The "jumbo"-sized artichoke is a culinary favorite and can be found in your local market throughout the year.

Artichokes will keep for about a week in a plastic bag stored in your refrigerator. Their peak seasons are spring and fall, but new varieties developed by Ocean Mist are available year-round.

To eat, pull the base of each petal through your front teeth to strip off the "meat," then discard the rest. The artichoke's center "heart" is often considered the tastiest part and the prize of your work. The stem is an extension of the heart and also completely edible and delicious.

For more information about artichokes online, visit www.oceanmist.com or www.artichokes.org. For more information on the 5 A Day the Color Way plan, visit www.5aday.org.

Artichokes' sweet, mild flavor make them a marvelous partner



for dips and sauces, such as this quick-to-make Balsamic Mint Dressing.

Artichokes with Balsamic Mint Dressing

Recipe courtesy of Ocean Mist

- 4 extra large or jumbo artichokes
- ½ cup packed fresh mint leaves
- 2 tablespoons extra virgin olive oil
- ¼ cup balsamic vinegar
- 3 tablespoons honey
- ½ teaspoon salt
- ¼ teaspoon freshly ground black pepper

Rinse artichokes under running water. Cut off stem and top quarter of artichoke. Trim tips of petals with kitchen scissors, if desired. Pour 3 inches of water in large pot. Add artichokes and simmer, covered, until a petal pulls out easily, about 45 minutes, depending on size. Drain artichokes upside down on paper towels. Using a large spoon, scoop out and discard the soft inner leaves and fuzzy choke. Arrange artichokes in serving bowl, cup side up. In a blender or food processor, blend remaining ingredients. Pour balsamic honey mixture into the centers of the artichokes. Serve warm, at room temperature or chilled. Makes 8 shared appetizer servings.

Nutrition Information per Serving: calories: 106, total fat: 3.5g, saturated fat: 0.5g, % of calories from fat: 26%, % of calories from saturated fat: 4%, protein: 4g, carbohydrates: 19g, cholesterol: 0mg, dietary fiber: 5g, sodium: 276mg

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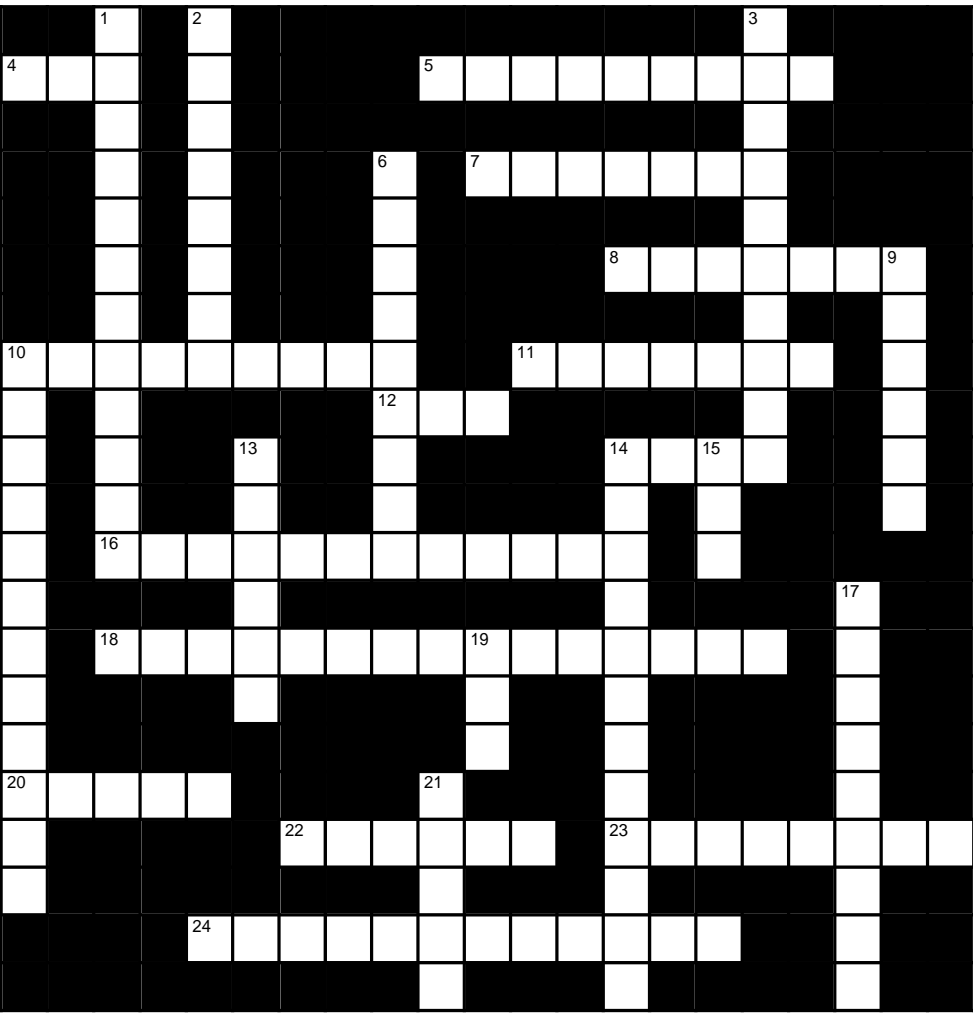
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Crossword Puzzle



Across

- 4. Cinderella's slippers were originally made of this.
- 5. It is said that these birds are pink because they eat shrimp.
- 7. The castle of King Arthur and seat of power in Great Britain.
- 8. The White House obtained its name after WHO burned it in 1814.
- 10. Employees used to be dismissed by these notices.
- 11. An English king was so delighted with this "loin" of beef, he dubbed it.
- 12. This is what a group of kangaroos are called.
- 14. What is a young kangaroo called?
- 16. These fruits are named thus because they are bedded in straw.
- 18. This Dr. Seuss book has fewer than 50 different words.
- 20. This animal is a marsupial, not a bear.
- 22. This dog is said to have yellow eyes.
- 23. This is the only animal that cannot jump.
- 24. Hat makers became crazy from the fumes produced by mercury-soaked felt, hence the name . . .

Down

- 1. These are small brass plates used to hold cannonballs on the decks of sailing ships.
- 2. Laws were originally called this because they were printed on blue paper.
- 3. This phrase comes from French words "Haut toit" meaning "high roof".
- 6. This phrase is derived from the burning of the ballots used to elect the Pope.
- 9. This phrase was coined in the early 1900's by a cartoonist who couldn't spell "dachshund".
- 10. This bread is so named after a horse named "Nicol".
- 13. These reptiles see through their eyelids.
- 14. A person who gets what he deserves is said to have received his WHAT?
- 15. This bird can sprint at 30 mph.
- 17. Disputed parentage of a child born aboard a ship was resolved by listing the newborn as a WHAT?
- 19. How many feet can penguins jump in the air?
- 21. It is said that these kinds of bear are left-handed.

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Terry has a big commercial cooker and you probably have seen him at different occasions around Antwerp and surrounding areas, such as: Arts in the Park in 2005 at the Antwerp Community Church stand or at the Grabill Fair.

Big T's is now available at Kammeyer's IGA in Antwerp. Terry is very appreciative to Bob Kammeyer for being the first to carry Big T's BBQ Sauce. You can find Big T's BBQ Sauce on the meat case at Kammeyer's by the Spare Ribs.

Terry will be coming out in the future with different BBQ sauces and a meat rub.

THANK YOU

We would like to thank all of our family and friends for their prayers, memorials, floral arrangements, visits, food and cards we received after the sudden death of our father, Lawrence Cromley.

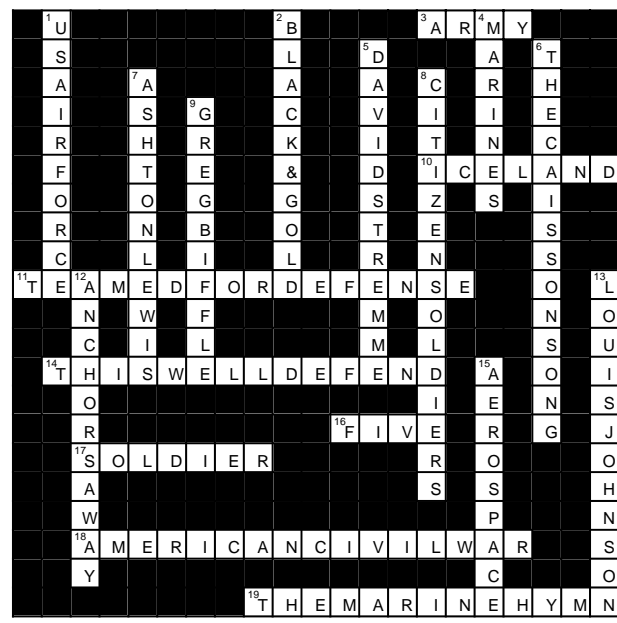
We also appreciated the help from Antwerp United Methodist Women, Pastor Mike Schneider, the Veterans for the military services they conducted, and the Dooley Funeral Home for all of their personal services they did for us. Thank you all from the bottom of our hearts.

—The family of Lawrence Cromley
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Last Week's answers to "Armed Forces Day"



I AM A VETERAN

By: **Andrea C. Brett, used by permission**

You may not know me the first time we meet
I'm just another you see on the street
But I am the reason you walk and breathe free
I am the reason for your liberty

I am a Veteran

I work in the local factory all day
I own the restaurant just down the way
I sell you insurance, I start your IV
I've got the best-looking grandkids you'll ever see

I'm your grocer, your banker
Your child's schoolteacher
I'm your plumber, your barber
Your family's preacher
But there's part of me you don't know very well
Just listen a moment, I've a story to tell

I am a Veteran

I joined the service while still in my teens
I traded my prom dress for camouflage greens
I'm the first in my family to do something like this
I followed my father, like he followed his

Defying my fears and hiding my doubt
I married my sweetheart before I shipped out
I missed Christmas, then Easter, the birth of my son
But I knew I was doing what had to be done

I served on the battlefield, I

served on the base
I bound up the wounded, and begged for God's grace
I gave orders to fire, I followed commands
I marched into conflict in far distant lands

In the jungle, the desert, on mountains and shores
In bunkers, in tents, on dank earthen floors
While I fought on the ground, in the air, on the sea
My family and friends were home praying for me

For the land of the free and the home of the brave
I faced my demons in fox-holes and caves
Then one dreaded day, without drummer or fife
I lost an arm, my buddy lost his life

I came home and moved on, but forever was changed
The perils of war in my memory remained
I don't really say much, I don't feel like I can
But I left home a child, and came home a man

There are thousands like me, thousands more who are gone
But their legacy lives as time marches on
White crosses in rows, and names carved in queue
Remind us of what these brave souls had to do

I'm part of a fellowship, a strong mighty band
Of each man and each woman who has served this great land
And when Old Glory waves, I stand proud, I stand tall
I helped keep her flying over you, over all

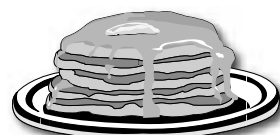
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PAULDING COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

The Paulding County Commissioners met in regular session on Wednesday, May 10 and Monday, May 15.

The fate of the old jail and Sheriff's Office received attention at the May 10 meeting. Although no action was taken at the meeting there was discussion about the concept of a study group of county citizens to look at alternatives for the facility. The Commissioners noted that a number of ideas have been mentioned and an advisory group would be helpful.

The Commissioners approved a proclamation naming Mothers Day Week, May 14 to May 21 as Marianne Jones Hospice Week in Paulding County. Jones is walking 300 miles on US 127 to increase awareness of hospice programs. Jones recognizes the contribution hospice programs provides to patients and the Commissioners agreed to help publicize her effort by approving the

proclamation.

The May 2 primary election was also discussed. The Commissioners noted that the Ohio Secretary of States Office delayed announcing any election results till 9:30 p.m. due to problems in Cuyahoga County. The Paulding County Election Board ran the second election with the new touch screen voting machines with no major problems.

Corey Walker, Director of the Paulding County Job and Family Services Office (JFS), reported on activities to the Commissioners on Monday, May 15. Corey reported on a new program to obtain reimbursement from individuals who have used fraud to obtain food stamps or other benefits.

At both meetings the Commissioners dealt with regular county business such as approving expenses for the county and responding to correspondence and telephone calls.

The Paulding County Commissioners meet in regular session from 8:00 a.m. to the close of business on Mondays and Wednesdays.



Left: Kirrk Simpson of Howard Painting Co. Defiance Ohio has brought new life to the Freedom Play Station located at La Fountain Park in the Village of Paulding. The big yellow school bus is just one of the features being repainted in the Play Station.



Right: Repair work and painting has also been taking place at the Water Park located in La Fountain Park. Mr. Simpson is shown painting the pool on one of the nicer days.

REPAIR WORK AND PAINTING TAKE PLACE IN PAULDING VILLAGE PARKS

The opening day was tentatively set for Monday, May 29, Memorial Day. Rainy weather has put the painting behind schedule. The paint will need to harden for a number of days after the painting is completed. At that time water and chemicals can be added. Health inspection will then take place by Paulding County Health before opening to the public.

Park Board members Elaine Sierer, Jan Commers, Meredith Davis, Jon Snodgrass and Tom Diaz reports

staff changes for this year's pool season.

Rachel Jones a graduate of Paulding High School and currently a junior at OSU will be stepping into the position of Pool Manager. This year Head Life Guards, Concession stand and Front desk will also have some new faces.

All employees are either presently attending High School at or have graduated from Paulding, Antwerp, and Wayne Trace Schools.

Hours will be from 12:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Sunday through Saturday. Longer evening hours may be added depending on the number of inquiries from the public.

Healthy Ideas

(NAPSA)—To encourage kids to be more active and reduce childhood obesity, the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill (UNC) and The Gatorade Company created the Get Kids in Action partnership and the Get 60 program, which inspires children to get 60 minutes of physical activity each day. Visit www.GetKidsinAction.org for information and tools to help you live a healthier, more active lifestyle.

The health care discount program, HealthSaver, has teamed up with Jenny Craig to offer great savings on a variety of weight loss programs. Members can save money on the sensible, comprehensive weight loss programs, which focus on a healthy relationship with food, an active lifestyle and a balanced approach to living. HealthSaver offers discounts of 20 percent on vision care, prescriptions and alternative health care treatments. For more information, visit www.healthsaver.com.

If you think you might have cataracts, you can call EyeCare America's Seniors EyeCare Program at 1-800-222-EYES (3937). The program, sponsored by the Knights Templar Eye Foundation,



Inc. and Alcon, offers eye exams and care to seniors who are without an ophthalmologist.

Good news for the millions of people who suffer from cold sores is that, according to new research, a full course of therapy in a single dose of the oral antiviral Famvir from Novartis Pharmaceuticals Corporation was shown to be an effective treatment option. For more information, see <http://www.famvir.com>.

An over-the-counter item that has come to the rescue of rough, cracked feet and hands for almost 50 years is Pretty Feet & Hands Rough Skin Remover. You can learn more at www.prettyfeetandhands.com.



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**PAULDING COUNTY
GRANGE MONTH**



Donna Flagg seated at a quilting frame, David Krouse, Payne Fire Department receiving Grange Citizen's Award being presented by James Laker, Pomona Master. Ray Friend received the Grange Citizen's Award for the Antwerp Fire Department.

Payne and Fairview Community Granges recently hosted an open house for the public. There were seven counties represented, namely Auglaize, Defiance, Hancock, Mercer, Miami, Richland and Williams. Several State Officers also were present to help us celebrate this occasion.

The Start of our program was the posting of the colors by the American Legion Post #297. The Payne Church of the Nazarene Pastor, Mike Harper gave the Invocation, Caroline Hall, a niece of one of the Grange's seven founders, was portrayed by the State Lecture, Dorothy Eckert. She gave the events of Caroline's life which were involved in forming the Grange as a family oriented organization.

David Cline was present to show some of his woodcarvings and some helpful hints for those who are interested in carving. Donna Flagg was present with her feed sack quilt that is in the process

of being quilted and a completed quilt she has sewn. These are a couple of yearly projects which the Grange sponsors. Various displays of other projects in which the grange members participate were available for the public to view.

There are also some non-grange membership projects for others to participate. Paulding County Pomona Grange presented the Antwerp Fire Department and the Payne Fire Department the Grange Citizen's Award for their dedicated services they perform for our community.

The Ohio State Bowling Tournament Director, David Johnston, awarded the first place winners trophy for the men's doubles to James Laker and Tom Eatherton. The all events winner for the men was awarded to James Laker.

A poem was spoken by Alice Vetter that reflected on a portion that reflected on a portion of the history of the Grange since it is over a hundred years old. Deb Case sang a solo and James Laker closed the program by singing "Unfailing Love".

Refreshments were served and everyone participated in the social gathering following this brief but informative aspects of the Grange as a community organization.

—Patsy Blankenship,
Pomona Lecturer

**ANTWERP HISTORY
REMEMBERING OUR
FALLEN HEROES**

By: Stan Jordan

Generally when I write on the history of Antwerp, it is on the lighter side, but today it is on the darker side. Here in this time of Memorial Day let us stop and reflect on those that paid the ultimate price for America to be free and for us to enjoy that freedom.

Let us remember our sons and our friends and neighbor's sons who have gone on before. Those young men who gave their life in defense of their country. Stop and say a prayer for all of America's fallen comrades, men and women, and please pay respect and homage and reverence to these local boys that we knew and miss so badly.

The local American Legion Post 253 is called The Cottrell-Boylan Post. It is named after two men from Antwerp that were killed in WWI.

Mr. Cottrell was killed in France in WWI. His body was returned and he is buried in the cemetery in Hicksville.

Daniel Boylan, born in Antwerp in 1893, served with I Co. of the 145th Regiment of the 37th Division. He was a Corporal and was killed in France on August 22, 1918.

I'm going to start with Antwerp's WWII fallen heroes, with the five boys from Canal Street.

Forest Ours was a PVT. In the 141st Inf. He was born in Antwerp in August 1925. He was killed in France on June 14, 1944.

Arthur Muir S/Sgt served with A Co-148th Inf. of the 37th Division. He was killed in the Bouganville Area on May 5, 1944.

Max Seslar was a Captain B Co. Commander in the 148th Inf. in the 37th Division. B.S.M. & P.H. He was born August 13, 1918. He was killed February 11, 1945, while fighting on the streets in Manila.

Glenn Sudlow S/2, as I understand he was serving on the Cruiser Juneau in the South Pacific, it was sunk in a night engagement at Boin, February 2, 1918. Glenn was missing and declared dead in October 1945.

Dorsey Waters was a T/SGT, a flight engineer on a

B-17 bomber of the 339th Bomb Squadron of the 96th Bomb Group. He was born in 1913 and was shot down and killed in 1944. His memory is special to me because on the first day of school in 1930, he carried me all the way to school on his shoulders. I had stepped on a thorn of a Locust Tree and I couldn't walk that distance. Yes, I miss him.

William Cottrell was known to me and my 1942 classmates as "Billy". He was a PFC and served in the 12th A.A.A. group of the C.A.C. He was born on March 28, 1923 and died on May 1, 1945 in Germany.

Wendell Mettert S/Sgt. with the 308th Bomb Group was born February 28, 1915 and was killed in a bomb raid on December 24, 1943. He had already been awarded the Purple Heart.

Graydon Edens was a S/SGT with I Co. of the 313th Inf. of the 79th Division. He was born in 1916 and killed in combat in 1944 in France.

Francis G. Lero T-5: he was the son of Mr. & Mrs. Ed Lero. He was killed in action in North Africa on July 11, 1943.

Kenneth W. Peffley was with the SQD-B of the 1377 AAFBU. He was born in 1928 and died in 1947.

Theodore Mendeg was a S/St in the 173 Airborne Brigade. He held the BMS and OLC, AM and AA Com. He was born in 1935 on July 5th and died July 14, 1969 in Vietnam.

Robert A. Banks, son of Sammy & Ilene Banks, served with the 303 Transportation Co. in Vietnam. He was born in Antwerp on May 20, 1949. He was killed in Nam on March 4, 1970.

LEST WE FORGET

Grover Blalock of R.R.1 Hicksville has spent hundreds of hours compiling a book of all the WWII veterans of the Antwerp & Hicksville area.

We are indebted to him for sharing his information and data. A tip of my ball cap to you, Grover. Thanks for your help.

America's Heritage

Celebrating Our Past

(NAPSA)—The newest thing is old. From classic TV to retro fashions, nostalgia is in. As we grow older, decades past can seem better and better in our memories, and we look for reminders—in art, in entertainment and in cultural artifacts—that hearken back to the Good Old Days as we remember them.

Vintage advertising imagery is particularly popular. For example, many restaurants display vintage posters and memorabilia on their walls to lend a whimsically decorative touch. More and more Americans are replicating this in their own homes, with ads-as-art growing in popularity every year.

In fact, some ads are art. Over the years, some of America's best-loved artists, such as Norman Rockwell, Alfred Buell, J.C. Leyendecker and Andrew Loomis, have contributed significantly to companies' visual legacies and brand identities.

For example, Kellogg Company's archives department is like a walk through history, documenting a century of American history and social change, including a significant shift in eating habits and family lifestyles. It is a time capsule of nostalgic imagery, evoking emotion, humor, warmth and fond memories. To get a virtual glimpse inside, visit www.kellogg100.com.

Now the company is cracking open the vault and tapping into its archive of original artwork, design



Retro fashions, styles and iconography are in.

and packaging. For its 100th anniversary, Kellogg is celebrating the beauty and historical staying power of iconic images such as Cornelius the Rooster and Snap! Crackle! Pop! by partnering with licensees to create nostalgic, vintage merchandise. It will be available through a broad range of retail outlets, allowing consumers of all ages to enjoy and celebrate a century of cereal. Modern-day icons will be reunited with such old friends as Smaxey the Seal and Sugar Pops Pete from the 1940s and Milton "Milty" the Toaster from the 1970s, sure to delight audiences of all ages.

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7. Cherry Bend, 0-3

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1. Budweiser/Red Owl, 3-0
2. Carpet Wholesalers, 3-1
3. Jay Dangler Excavating, 2-1
4. Holiday Inn, 1-2
5. VFW, 1-3
6. Todd Excavating, 0-3

Thursday Night Men's League:

1. LaFarge, 2-0
2. Red Owl/AmVets, 2-0
3. Trey Dawgs, 1-0
4. Red owl/ Coors Lt., 1-1
5. Lake Recycling, 0-1
6. River Rats, 0-2
7. Current Office Solutions, 0-2

HIGH SCHOOL BASEBALL: WAYNE TRACE VS. PATRICK HENRY

The Wayne Trace Baseball team ended their run in the tourney Thursday night May 18 at Patrick Henry by going down to defeat 6 - 2 to the Patriots. The Raiders took advantage of 2 miscues from PH to jump out to a 2 - 0 lead Wednesday evening May 17 but then the rains came and suspended the game. Riley Linder pitched a 6 great innings for the Raiders allowing 4 hits and 2 runs before relinquishing duties to Rhees Ross. PH came up big in the 7th scoring 4 times to put the game out of reach. The Raiders end the season 10-10 while PH moves on to play Coldwater in the district finals at Elida.

Line Score:
Patrick Henry 0-0-0-0-0-2-4 6 - 7 - 2.
Wayne Trace 0-0-1-1-0-0-0 2 - 0 - 2.

Winning Pitcher - Krauss 3 innings, 0 Run, 0 hits.
Losing Pitcher - Riley Linder, 6 innings, 4 runs, 6 hits.
Leading hitters - Krauss 1 - 4, Haas 1 - 3.

ANN'S BRIGHT BEGINNINGS OBSERVE FIRE SAFETY WEEK



Ann's Bright Beginnings Preschoolers were recently visited by the Paulding Firefighters during fire safety week. They brought along a fire truck and the smoke house. We were able to experience smoke coming into the bedroom area and we had to crawl under the smoke and out the patio doors to a waiting and friendly firefighter. We also

got to practice dialing 911 and reporting an emergency at our houses. Shown here outside the smoke house are from left: Garrett Black, Hannah Wilhelm, Faith Ordway and Firefighter Matt Hodge. These children are in the afternoon class of 4 & 5 year olds with Mrs. Chris Adams and Mrs. Ann Miller.

Slimming Down For Summer

(NAPSA)—Hectic summer schedules can distract even the most dedicated exerciser, while backyard barbecues tempt Americans with high-calorie foods and snacks. Since it's the time of year to start trading winter wraps for warm-weather clothes, many are trying to slim down for summer and find healthy ways to improve their lifestyles.

According to a recent survey by Wrigley, nearly 85 percent of Americans believe a key to losing weight is to consume fewer calories. Most experts agree that combining physical activity while watching calorie intake is important in the quest for weight management and a healthier lifestyle. "There is no need for a total diet makeover; taking small steps to enjoy a variety of foods and being more active can go a long way for Americans trying to lose some weight for the summer," says Molly Gee, registered dietitian at Baylor College of Medicine.

One easy way to control calories is to reduce high-calorie snacks or choose low-calorie alternatives. Chewing gum works well as a low-calorie snack substitute at an average of five to 10 calories a piece, and may be able to help Americans cut some excess calories during the days before summer. In fact, a recent study out of the University of Liverpool, conducted by Dr. Marion Hetherington, shows that chewing gum before snacking can help reduce hunger, diminish cravings for sweets and decrease snack intake by 36 calories.



Gee offers these additional tips to help people manage their weight for the summer months:

- Steer clear of temptation—have conversations far from the picnic table where the food rests;
 - Party hearty, not hungry—don't skip meals—"saving yourself" for parties or barbecues can lead to binging;
 - Move more—take advantage of the warm weather by taking walks around the neighborhood or through the park;
 - Stay active—fill your days with warm-weather activities that don't emphasize food, including a trip to the zoo, gardening or window shopping;
 - Chew wisely—replace high-calorie snacks with a piece of chewing gum (average of five to 10 calories). Chew gum when preparing meals to avoid nibbling and pack it when you travel to divert attention from high-calorie snacking.
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REPRESENTATIVE GILLMOR DRIVES INTO THE FUTURE

Congressman Paul Gillmor (R-Tiffin) took time away from his Congressional schedule recently to learn more about alternative fuels. Gillmor, test drove a Hydrogen powered Toyota Highlander around the Capitol and to a Hydrogen filling station in Washington, D.C.

"One of the many things I enjoy about my job is the opportunity to see how new technologies will help move our nation forward. I have now test driven both the Hybrid Ford Escape and the Hydrogen powered Toyota Highlander. These technologies truly are the future of the auto market and will be part of the solution to our increasing oil dependence," Gillmor said.

The Fuel Cell Hydrogen Vehicle (FCHV) Toyota Highlander can reach a maximum speed of 90 miles per hour and gets 64 miles per gallon combined. The Hydrogen Highlander is actually faster than the regular four-cylinder gasoline powered Highlander. Hydrogen vehicles are pow-

ered by combining hydrogen with oxygen in order to generate electricity as opposed to the internal combustion engine which gets its energy from gasoline.

"Hydrogen cars have many benefits beyond greatly improved mileage including our ability to produce a never-ending supply of hydrogen to power our cars for centuries. But perhaps the greatest benefit of a hydrogen car is the byproduct- water. If the day comes when we can produce hydrogen without creating any carbon monoxide during production, we may actually have a completely clean burning fuel," Gillmor said.

Congressman Gillmor is a senior member of the Energy and Commerce Committee where he has served as Chairman of the Subcommittee on Environment and Hazardous Materials for the past six years. Gillmor was also a member of the Energy Conference Committee which last year created our first national comprehensive energy policy in the past three decades. While serving on the Conference Committee, Gillmor advocated for alternative energy sources and enhanced clean-burning fuel programs. Among the initiatives which the committee passed was a doubling of renewable fuels by 2012.

Two of the federal programs sponsored or continued by President George W. Bush and supported by Congressman Gillmor which address alternative fuels are the Hydrogen Fuel Initiative and the FreedomCAR Initiative. It is estimated that more than \$720 million will have been authorized between 2004 and 2008 for research by the federal government, universities and private corporations into the development of clean energy sources. Some of the goals include:

- Doubling to tripling the efficiency of today's conventional engines.
- Developing hydrogen fuel cell power systems that are durable and deliver energy at high efficiency than current systems.
- Increased transportation and distribution of hydrogen power.

Community Concerns Helping Young People Rebuild Their Lives

Homeless Youths Are Finding A Home And Hope

(NAPSA)—A program committed to helping young people make the transition from homelessness and hopelessness to stability and success is celebrating its 20th anniversary.

Each year, more than one million young people under age 21 find themselves homeless in the United States. Many are runaways, throwaways (young people asked to leave home) or youths who have aged out of the foster care system.

For these homeless youths, life on the streets means not knowing where or when they will get another meal. Often, life on the streets can lead to more dangerous and damaging activities such as drug abuse, gang affiliation, prostitution and panhandling.

Fortunately for these young people, Covenant House administers a program called Rights of Passage that's designed to assist motivated young people ages 18 to 21 who need a place to stay while they train for a job with a future.

Celebrating its 20th anniversary this year, the Rights of Passage program enables young people to live at Covenant House for up to 18 months while they learn a vocation, earn a GED, work a steady job or take college courses. When these young people graduate from the program, most are in a position to live stable and productive lives off the streets.

In 2005, Covenant House enabled nearly 60,000 young people throughout the U.S. to take their first steps toward a brighter future thanks to Rights of Passage and the many other programs offered by Covenant House—a nonprofit child welfare agency with 15 sites in the United States.

"For Rights of Passage to reach this historic mark is a very special moment for Covenant House,"



Celebrating its 20th anniversary is a program that gives homeless youths a place to live while they learn a vocation, work a steady job or earn a GED.

said Bruce J. Henry, Executive Director of Covenant House New York and a Founder of the Covenant House Rights of Passage Program. "During the past 20 years, thousands of youths at Covenant House sites throughout the U.S. and Canada have graduated from ROP and entered the world as self-sufficient adults. Their individual stories of struggle and ultimate achievement are the reason Covenant House means so much to all of us."

While some young people only went to a Covenant House site for short-term crisis care—such as a hot meal, a bed and new clothes—others worked with counselors and eventually enrolled in the Rights of Passage program.

Covenant House has ROP programs in Alaska, California, Florida, Michigan, New Jersey, New York, Louisiana, Pennsylvania, Texas, Toronto, Vancouver and Washington, D.C.

Approximately 85 percent of the funding for Covenant House programs comes from private donors. Their continued financial support is crucial. In addition, volunteers are needed to serve as mentors to young people in the ROP program.

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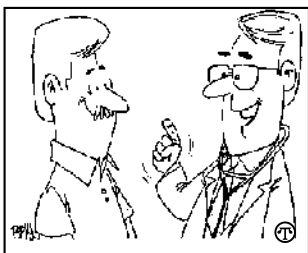
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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

It is amazing to us that people, who live in the country, object to work that is done in the country. We are referring to those who are badgering Chad Schlatter for his intent to construct a hog barn on his land.

The country or rural areas are where farmers carry out their work to feed the world.

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—Joyce and Keith West

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An accreditation certificate has been issued to the Board by the Ohio Department of Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities on April 12, 2006.

The comprehensive state review was conducted in May 2005. The accreditation review is a very rigorous and thorough process and takes nearly six months to complete. A team of surveyors from the Department of MR/DD reviewed all areas of county board operations

including personnel administration, services and support and the general efficiency and effectiveness of the county board.

The results of the review found that the Paulding County Board of MR/DD achieved a substantial compliance with minimum standards and subsequently obtained a 3-year period of accreditation.

County Boards are often given at a minimum of nine months notice to prepare for the review. The preparation of an accreditation review requires many staff hours and a great deal of coordination between programs and departments.

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All A's All 6 Years: Jayla Chamberlain.

All A/B's all year:
Third Grade: Maria Bradbury, Lydia Carr, Tristan Carwile, Alston Doctor, Nicole Hughes, Rebecca Major, Collin Perry, Jessica Ratliff, Maggie Reinhart, Cali Schoenauer, Alisha Schroeder, Parker Swenson, and Kelsey Titus.

Fourth Grade: Dayna Conley, Madison Delong, Zach Delong, Bethany Dunderman, Dalton Gremling, Nathan Hawley, Jenna Hankinson, Katie Hunt, Justin Langham, Megan Leinard, Erik Miesle, Maddie Reinhart, David Sarsfield, Derek Smalley, and Brock Taylor.

Fifth Grade: David Altic, Katlyn Bissell, Nick Bragg, Noah Ganer, Ryan Girardot, Braeden Hormann, Colin Krick, Colby Schaefer, Megan Smith, and Rachel Stewart.

Sixth Grade: Kelsea Burns, Morgan Cramer, Brandon Dunderman, Zach Dunlap, Hayley Feichter, Corbin Jones, Jessica Langham, Ty Lee, Jessica Marlin, Jessica McCreery, Bryant Miesle, Jasmine Price, Kyle Reinhart, Tayler Shaffer, Tricia Smalley, Alysha Stuck, Thomas Taylor, Hannah Tempel, Ellise Wetli, Troy Womack, and Amanda Zielke.

Perfect Attendance all year:

KA: Brandon Laney and Jonathon Pendergrast.

IA: Brandon Pendergrast.

IB: Joshua Ehlinger and Houston Mansfield.

2A: Anne Miesle.

3A: Alston Doctor.

3B: Justis Harvey.

5B: Shawn Dooley.

6A: Joe Hilton.

6B: Dalton Skeens, Hannah Tempel, and Amanda Zielke.


2006-2007 President's Award for Educational Excellence went to Jayla Chamberlain, Zachary Dunlap, Hayley Feichter, Jessica Langham, Ty Lee, Jessica Marlin, Bryant Miesle, Alysha Stuck, Thomas Taylor, and Amanda Zielke.

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Vantage Career Center "Award of Distinction" winners. Front (l to r): Josh Miller (Paulding), Casey Hoersten (Ottoville), Scott Frisch (Delphos Jefferson), Sara Pitney (Continental), Nancy Powell (Van Wert), Codey Meyer (Crestview), Kevin Klinger (Crestview), Lisa McNabb (Wayne Trace), Heather Binkley (Wayne Trace). Back (l to r): A.J. Miller (Van Wert), Daniel Prowant (Continental), Josh Brueckner (Crestview), Chris Scott (Wayne Trace).



Vantage Career Center Scholarship winners. Front (l to r): Sean Romes (Paulding), Daniel Prowant (Continental), Deidra Basinger (Continental), Lisa McNabb (Wayne Trace), Kevin Klinger (Crestview). Back (l to r): Jon Anderson (Parkway), Josh Brueckner (Crestview), Chris Scott (Wayne Trace), Alan Bendele (Kalida), and Matthew Woodcox (Antwerp). Unavailable for the picture was John DeMuth (Paulding).

"FROM THE VANTAGE POINT": SENIOR AWARDS ASSEMBLY HELD AT VANTAGE

Awards of Distinction and scholarships highlighted the 30th annual Awards Assembly at Vantage Career Center on Tuesday, May 16. The entire student body, along with staff members, home school representatives, family and friends, joined together at this event to recognize the achievements and accomplishments of students enrolled in Vantage career-technical programs.

Special guest speakers at the assembly were seniors Christine Fetzer, a Cosmetology student from Delphos Jefferson and Robert Kennedy, a Culinary Arts student from Wayne Trace. Christine reminisced on events during her two years at Vantage, and thanked staff members for their encouragement and guidance. Robert's message was "Get Involved". He reflected on the ways his involvement in many activities made a difference in his last two years of high school. Both student speakers thanked their classmates and teachers for their friendship and support.

Each year, career-technical teachers select outstanding students to receive an "Award of Distinction". To be eligible for this award, a student must demonstrate leadership qualities at school, have outstanding achievement in their program area, show exceptional skills in the subject area, participate as an active member of a school career-technical club and demonstrate cooperation, initiative and responsibility.

This year's "Award of Distinction" winners are: Joshua Brueckner, Interactive Media, Kevin Klinger, Network Systems and Codey Meyer, In-

dustrial Mechanics, all from Crestview; Daniel Prowant, Ag Diesel Mechanics and Sara Pitney, Cosmetology from Continental; Scott Frisch, Welding from Delphos Jefferson; Casey Hoersten, Carpentry from Ottoville; Joshua Miller, Precision Machining from Paulding; A.J. Miller, Auto Technology and Nancy Powell, Food Careers from Van Wert; and Heather Binkley and Lisa McNabb, Culinary Arts, and Chris Scott, Auto Technology, all from Wayne Trace.

Scholarship recipients were also recognized at the assembly. The Robert C. Stevens Scholarship is given by the Vantage Teacher's Organization in memory of Bob Stevens, who taught Occupational Work Experience (OWE) at Vantage from 1976 until 1984. Students who are awarded this scholarship have shown outstanding achievement in their program area, while demonstrating initiative and perseverance. This year, the Robert C. Stevens Scholarship winners are Jon Anderson from Parkway, Daniel Prowant from Continental and Matthew Woodcox from Antwerp.

The Joshua Ralston Memorial Scholarship was established in 2003 in memory of Josh Ralston, a Vantage Ag Diesel student from Parkway. This scholarship is given to a student pursuing a career and further education in mechanics. Josh's parents, Scott and Jennifer Ralston presented this scholarship to Daniel Prowant, an Ag Diesel student from Continental.

Receiving Tech Prep scholarships were Nathan Adams and Kevin Klinger, both from Crestview, Deidra Basinger from Continental, John DeMuth from Paulding and Alan Bendele from Kalida. Lisa McNabb from Wayne Trace received the FCCLA

state scholarship for placing first in the state of Ohio in her competition event. Lisa also received the Elks scholarship and a scholarship from Sullivan State College. In addition to the Tech Prep scholarship, Kevin Klinger from Crestview was the recipient of the Ohio Board of Regents scholarship, the Van Wert Rotary scholarship and a Paulding-Putnam Electric Co-op scholarship. Sean Romes from Paulding received a scholarship to Northwest State to major in Precision Machining. Chris Scott from Wayne Trace received a J.P. Crain scholarship and the Scholarship for Outstanding Effort from the Wayne Trace School District. Matthew Woodcox from Antwerp received the J.P. Crain scholarship, a Paulding County Foundation scholarship and an Antwerp Education Foundation scholarship. Joshua Brueckner from Crestview received the Beta Delta Psi Iota Scholarship and the Van Wert Rotary Scholarship.

National skills contestants were recognized during the assembly. Business Professionals of America (BPA) national contestants were Amber Thatcher (Van Wert), Sarah Richardson (Lincolnview), Ashley Huizenga (Continental), Jessica Valle (Paulding), Mike Pollock (Ft. Jennings), Dustin Younker (Parkway) and John DeMuth (Paulding). Lisa McNabb (Wayne Trace) will be representing Vantage when she competes at the national Family, Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) competition in July. Juniors Nathan Shobe (Delphos St. Johns) and Ross Warnecke (Kalida) were recognized for their first place finish in the state SkillUSA competition and will compete at nationals in June.

Other students who participated in state contests were

GILLMOR ANNOUNCES WINNER IN FIFTH DISTRICT ART COMPETITION

Congressman Paul Gillmor (R-Tiffin) called Alex Motycka of Van Wert High School yesterday to inform him that his painting, Autumn Barn, won the first online Congressional Art Competition. Alex's painting will be sent to Washington, D.C. where it will hang in the Cannon Tunnel which connects offices of Members of Congress with the U.S. Capitol Building.

"This year's art competition was a huge hit. There were more than 1,000 votes for artwork from across the Fifth District and because all constituents were free to vote, Alex's painting will truly represent the Fifth District," Gillmor said. "Constituents and I walk through the Cannon Tunnel on a daily basis to go to the Capitol Building and Alex's artwork will be viewed this year by literally hundreds of thousands of people from across the world."

Gillmor's art competition was a first-of-its-kind contest, allowing students from across the district to display their artwork on his website. In all, 26 entries were displayed online last week on which constituents could vote. Alex

recognized, as well as National Technical Honor Society members, students receiving academic awards, perfect attendance awards, student ambassadors and Girls and Boys State delegates.

CONGRATULATIONS to the Vantage Career Center class of 2006!

Motycka is a senior at Van Wert High School. Alex has been invited to attend a ribbon-cutting ceremony in Washington, D.C. where his painting, a watercolor, will be unveiled in the Cannon Tunnel.

Gillmor thanked the more than 1,000 residents of the Fifth District who voted in the competition for their participation. "I felt it was important to open this decision up to the entire Fifth District because this artwork represents the entire Fifth District. Between the artists, their teachers, their parents and more than a thousand voters, this truly was a district-wide success," Gillmor said. For more information on Gillmor's initiatives such as the art competition and his Service Academy program visit his website at www.house.gov/gillmor.

PAULDING AREA VISITING NURSES OFFERS SCHOLARSHIPS

This is the 17th year that the Paulding Area Visiting Nurses Auxiliary is offering scholarships to Paulding County residents who are pursuing registered nurse training or are now registered nurses working to earn a degree in a specialized medical field.

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